of Rs. 4000 crores per annum in the various Government Laboratories has not yielded adequate commercial returns; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPTT. OF ELECTRONIC AND DEPTT. OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Projects Undertaken by C.S.I.R.

491. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various projects undertaken by C.S.I.R. during the last 3 years;

(b) the progress of each project as on date;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of projects have been dropped if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action Government have taken or propose to take to ensure that the projects once taken up are not dropped and are completed in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPTT. OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPTT. OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cut in funds for Indigenous Research

492. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Scientific community has raised apprehension regarding cut in fund for indigeneous research;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to increase allocation of funds for CSIR, Space Research etc. to alley their apprehension; and

(c) what percentage of GNP has been allocated during the last three years for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPTT. OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPTT. OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government proposes to increase the allocation of funds for CSIR, Space Research etc. in 1993-94 as compared with allocations made in 1992-93.

(c) The requisite information is given in the statement given below.

Statement

Expenditure on Research & Development by the Central Sector and State Sector in relation to Gross National Products

Year	Percentage of GNP
1988-89	0.839*
1989-90	0.814**
1990-91	0.781**

* GNP figures taken from Economic Survey.

**GNP figures taken from quick estimate of Central Statistical Organisation.